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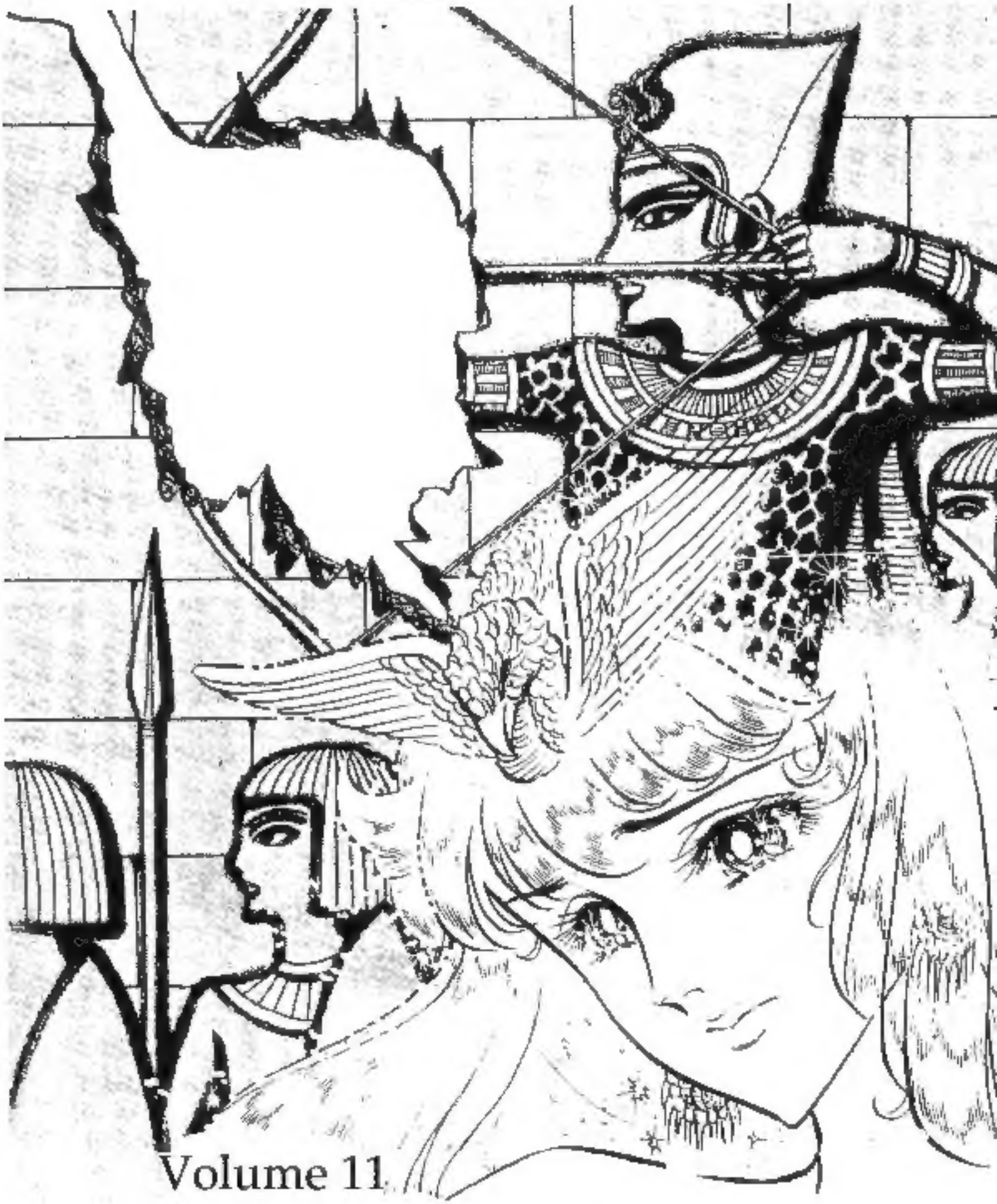

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Summary of the last Chapter:

In order to secure Carol's future, Mrs. Rido agreed to engage her to Jimmy. During the dinner between the two families... Carol saw ghost shadows of the ancient Egyptian soldiers and was lead to a small boat...
Unexpectedly, that small boat got twisted into the Nile river-back to the ancient Egypt of 3000 years ago. At the same time in ancient egypt, four search groups were formed searching for this girl-the goddess of the Nile. Memphis (ruler of egypt) - Prince Izumin of Hitaito- King Angon of Atsiria- and of course the wicked Asisu...

ALL OF YOU LISTEN! BRING CAROL BACK TO ME BEFORE SHE GETS TO TEBE!
I ENTRUST THIS IMPORTANT MISSION TO GENERAL NAKUTO. THE QUEEN WILL REWARD YOU IF THE MISSION IS SUCCESSFULLY DONE!
YES MA'AM!
BECAUSE THIS MATTER RELATED TO THE QUEEN'S SUCCESSION, WE'LL DO OUR BEST.
IF THAT LITTLE GIRL DISOBEYS,
THEN YOU'VE THE PERMISSION TO KILL HER BUT BRING HER HEAD BACK HERE!
YES MA'AM!

LINASA, I THINK IT'S PRETTY DUSTY OVER THERE!

COULD IT BE MEMPHIS SOLDIERS COMING HERE TO GET ME?

GO!

YES!

CHECK WHO THEY ARE!

HEY RUKA, WE CAN SEE GIZA'S PYRAMID IF WE WALK A LITTLE BIT MORE!

WHEN I'M STILL ATTENDING CAIRO COLLEGE, I VISITED THIS PLACE ONCE.

YOUR MAJESTY, THE WIND IS CHANGING ITS COURSE.

PLEASE COVER YOUR FACE.

RIGHT, I REALLY HATE THE SAND.

GENERAL! WE'RE IN TROUBLE.

THAT STRANGE GROUP OF PEOPLE...THEY'RE SEARCHING FOR CAROL!

?

HERE THEY ARE!
SURROUND THEM!
ATTACK!
DON'T LET ANYONE ESCAPE!
WHO ARE THEY?
YOU STRANG ERS! STOP RIGHT THERE!
IF YOU TOUCH THE KING'S GEN- ERAL YOU WILL BE PUNISHED!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU ARE...IF YOU WANT TO LIVE THEN HAND OVER CAROL!
WHAT?
YOUR MAJESTY! PLEASE GO NOW!
I'LL BLOCK THEIR PATH!
RUN !!!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?

HERE SHE IS!

GET HER!

LET HER GO!

THANK YOU RUKA!

PLEASE HOLD ON TIGHT... I'LL OPEN A PATH FOR US.

BUT WHAT ABOUT UNASA?

HE WILL FIND HIS OWN WAY!

LET'S GO!

HEY! HE'S TAKING THE GIRL!

AFTER HIM!!!!

OH NO!
THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM!
RUKA! WATCH YOUR BACK!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHO ARE THEY? AND WHY DO THEY WANT TO KIDNAP ME?
THIS TERRITORY BELONGS TO ASISU... COULD IT BE..?
RUKA!
SAVE ME!
I'M SCARED OF THAT WOMAN!
GO AFTER THEM!
HURRY!

CAROL!
OH...
THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM!
WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE?
RUKA LISTEN!
I'LL PRETEND TO OPEN A PATH TO TRICK THEM!
TAKE OUR MAJESTY TO THE BACK, THERE IS A SMALL TRAIL, USE IT AND GET AWAY FROM HERE!
IF I'M ABLE TO ESCAPE, I'LL GO FIND YOU!
THE MEETING SPOT IS THE WELL IN THE WEST OF THIS DESERT.
LISTEN TO ME... HURRY... THIS IS OUR LAST CHANCE!
PLEASE PROTECT CAROL! I'M PUTTING ALL MY TRUST IN YOU!
UNASA...

UNASA, YOU'RE LIKE A BIG BROTHER TO ME...YOU ARE WILLING TO PUT YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE TO PROTECT THIS LITTLE SISTER.

BUT I'M SO WORRY FOR YOU RIGHT NOW...

THE ENEMIES ARE OUT-NUMBERS US...ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY?

LIFE IS SO HARSH...

WHY DO GOOD PEOPLE ALWAYS SUFFER MOST...

UNASA, SECHI, MRS. SEPHORA, THEY'RE THE HEROES THAT CAROL WILL NEVER FORGET.

HMMM
IT'S TRUE THAT THERE IS LUCK IN DANGER-OUS SITU-ATION.
I WAS ABLE TO TAKE CAROL BECAUSE OF THE ATTACK FROM THE EGYPTAIN SOL-DIERS.
LET'S HEAD TOWARD ARABIA DESERT!
UNASA... I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
HEY! WHERE IS THE GIRL?
DAMN IT!
WHERE DID SHE GO?
?
CHASE AFTER HER!

THE BORDER BETWEEN ATSURA AND HITATO IS ABOUT 20 MILES AWAY
THAT'S WHERE THE PRINCE AND KING ANGON HELD THEIR CONFERENCE TO SETTLE THE PEACE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES
WE FINALLY HAVE THE RESULT AFTER A LONG DAY DISCUSSION.
IZUMIN SURE IS CLEVER.
ANGON IS A MAN WITH MANY DECEPTIONS...
THE RUMORS SEEM TO BE CORRECT.

AS A MEMORIAL OF THIS, TODAY WE SHOULD HAVE A GREAT DRINK TO REJOICE THE PEACE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

THE TRUTH IS ATSIRIA AND HITAITO NEVER LIKED EACH OTHER BEFORE THEY FORCED THE PEACE TREATY TO BALANCE THE MILITARY WITH EGYPT

BRING MORE WINE HERE!

WELCOME!

CHEERS!

BASED ON THE TREATY, AFTER WE CONQUERED EGYPT . .TEBE WILL BELONG TO ME AND YOUR WILL HAVE BAZI RIGHT?

YES YOUR MAJESTY.

BUT TEBE IS SUCH A WEALTHY CITY...UNLIKE TEBE, GAZI IS SO SMALL AND POOR...AND YOU'RE WILLING TO ACCEPT SUCH DIFFERENCES?

YES.

HMM.. IT DOESN'T MATTER SINCE GAZI WILL ALSO BELONG TO ME!

ANGON, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING..

BUT JUST WAIT..

IZUMIN IS GOOD AT SCHEMING THE BATTLEFIELD BUT HE'LL NEVER BE AS CLEVER AS ME!

PRINCE, THERE IS NEWS FOR YOU!

GOOD.. EVERYTHING FOLLOWED MY PLAN!

CAROL IS STILL ALIVE.

I HOPE RUKA WILL BE ABLE TO BRING HER BACK HERE SAFELY
THIS IS SO WEIRD ..IT'S OBVIOUS THAT SHE'S NOT ORDINARY...HOW CAN SHE STILL LIVE AFTER WHAT THE LION DID TO HER?
THEN WHO COULD SHE BE?
MAYBE AN IMMORTAL GODDESS LIKE THE RUMOR SAID?
HOW FAR AWAY ARE WE FROM THE WELL?
ONE MORE MILE...
I'M WORRIED ABOUT HINASU...WILL HE BE ABLE TO GET AWAY FROM THEM?

PLEASE DON'T WORRY!
UNASU'S ARMY IS VERY WELL TRAINED.
THEY WILL NOT DIE THAT EASILY!
OH NO!
WE'RE SUR-ROUND-ED!
RUKA, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WHACK!
OH MY GOSH RUKA! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
RUKA !!!

RUKA!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
HE'S NOT DEAD YET...DON'T WORRY...
HEY LITTLE GIRL...STOP BEING PERSISTENT AND FOLLOW US.
YOU'RE HITAITO'S SOLDIERS?
YOU'VE GUESSED RIGHT!
OH NO... IZUMIN'S SOLDIERS!!
RUKA PLEASE WAKE UP! WE'RE IN GREAT DANGER.
IT'S USELESS... HE'S NOT GOING TO WAKE UP NOW!
NOW THE NILE GODDESS, PLEASE FOLLOW US.
RUKA! PLEASE DON'T DIE!

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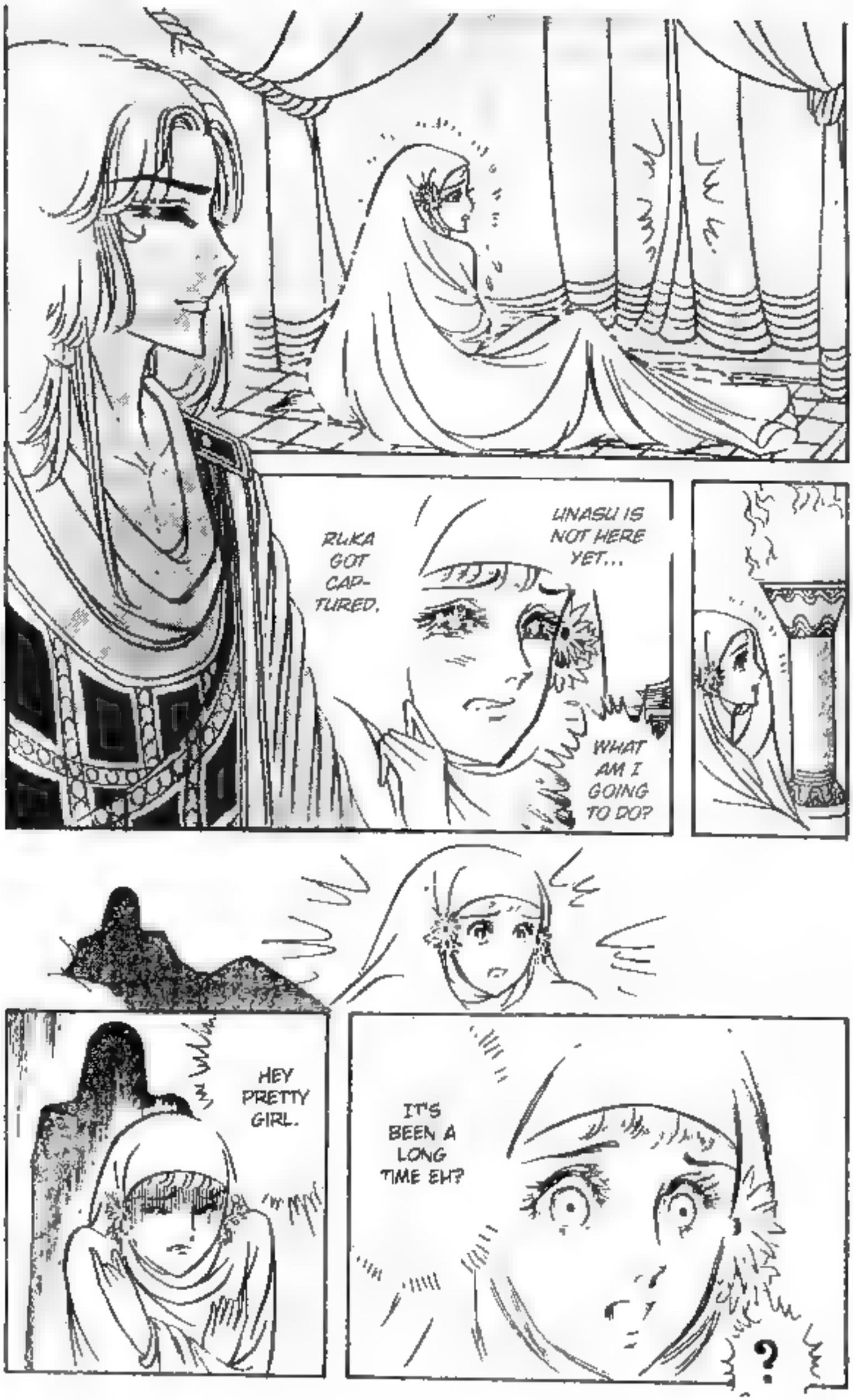
LASH HIS HAND!!!
RUKA!
!
NOW... PLEASE MOVE!
THIS IS IT....
MEMPHIS .. WHERE ARE YOU? WHY AREN'T YOU HERE TO SAVE ME?
I THOUGHT WE'RE GOING TO BE TO-GETHER .. BUT...
WHY DID IT TURNED OUT THIS WAY?
Ah!


RUKA GOT CAP-TURED.
UNASU IS NOT HERE YET...
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
HEY PRETTY GIRL.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME EH?
?

SO . DID MY SOLDIER HARASS YOU?
OH MY GOD THIS VOICE SOUNDS SO FAMIL-IAR!

COULD IT BE?

IZUMIN?!?!

IT'S STRANGE...THIS GIRL HAS GONE THROUGH SO MANY DIFFICULTIES BUT SHE'S STILL LOOK BEAUTIFUL AND...FULL OF LIFE!
MAYBE SHE WAS PROTECTED BY A HOLY LAND...
PRINCE IZUMIN ...
WHY IS HE HERE IN THIS DESERT...?

MOVE! DON'T COME NEAR ME!
DON'T FORGET THAT I'M QUEEN OF EGYPT!
DON'T BE AFRAID ..
I ONLY WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR BEING ALIVE .. AFTER WHAT HAP-PENED.
I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES BUT I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO HELP YOU!

HOW IS THE WOUND ON YOUR SHOULDER?
AH! I TOLD YOU TO STAY AWAY!
IF YOU COME NEARER...I'LL YELL!
IT'S STILL HURTING...LET ME SEE...
!
OKAY TRY YOUR BEST TO SCREAM!
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA...
I JUST WANT TO SEE THE WOUND FROM LAST TIME!
THANK YOU FOR WORRYING...BUT THE WOUND HEALED COMPLETELY

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! LET ME SEE IT!
NO!
LET ME GO BASTARD!
I SAID I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF INTENTION! JUST SHOW ME THE WOUND!
MENFUISU! WHERE ARE YOU? PLEASE SAVE ME

MENFUISU, WHERE ARE YOU...
CAROL IS CALLING FOR ME...
HELP ME MENFUISU!
OH..
I'M CAUGHT IN A BAD DREAM AGAIN...

DAMN! WHY ISN'T THERE ANY NEWS ABOUT CAROL???
I SET OUT 3 GROUPS TO LOOK FOR HER BUT NONE OF THEM REPORTED ANY-THING BACK!
MY HEART TIGHTENS WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO HER...
WARINESS IS SLICING DOWN MY GUTS...ONE DAY OF WAITING IS LIKE A DECADE!
CAROL ...

BUT I'M ESPECIALLY WORRIED ABOUT THE WOUND ON HER SHOULDER...
DAMN IT! I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER!
YOUR MAJESTY!
PLEASE BE PATIENT!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
I'M TIRED OF ALL OF YOU!
WHY CAN'T SHE COME BACK HERE SO I CAN PERSONALLY TAKE CARE OF THE WOUND FOR HER?

CAROL..
CAROL...
CAROL..
WHO ARE YOU? WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS IN MY HEART?
NOT HAVING YOU BESIDE ME. I FEEL SO LONELY.. ALIENATED... AND HOPE-LESS...
HE'S CRAZY IN LOVE..

OH MEMPHIS... MY BEAUTIFUL PHAROAH. WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO SAD?
JAMARI ...IS THAT YOU?

YES IT'S ME... JAMARI ..
I'LL ALWAYS BE HERE, READY TO SERVE YOU.

WE'VE GOT NEWS!
WHAT IS IT?
WHERE IS THE PHA-RAOH?

WHAT ?
YOUR MAJESTY! WE HAVE AN EMER-GENCY!

UNASU TOLD US THAT HE FOUND THE QUEEN NEAR THE END OF THE NILE!
WHAT? SAY IT AGAIN!
PLEASE DON'T WORRY YOUR MAJESTY, UNASU AND RUKA WILL PROTECT CAROL AND BRING HER BACK HERE IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS...
SHE'S STILL ALIVE ???
YES! UNASU SAID THAT CAROL IS PERFECTLY FINE!
OH! CAROL IS COMING BACK!

ALL OF YOU! GET READY TO OPEN A BIG PARTY TO WELCOME THE RETURN OF OUR QUEEN!
THAT WITCH....
IN THE ARA-BIAN DESERT
UNFORTUNATELY MENFU S... DIDN'T KNOW THAT CAROL GOT K.DNAPPED BY THE HITA TO SOLDIERS.
HMM...SHE FAINTED BE-CAUSE SHE WAS SO SCARED.
I DIDN'T EVEN DO ANY-THING...

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OH GOD!

THE WOUND CREATED BY THE LION HAS DISAPPEARED!

NOT EVEN A SCAR EXISTS...

AT THE TIME I SAW THE LION BITE INTO THIS GIRL'S SHOULDER...?

UNBELIEVABLE! BOTH OF HER SHOULDERS, AND HER BACK IS SILKY ..

THERE'S NO TRACE THAT TELLS ME SHE WAS WOUNDED!

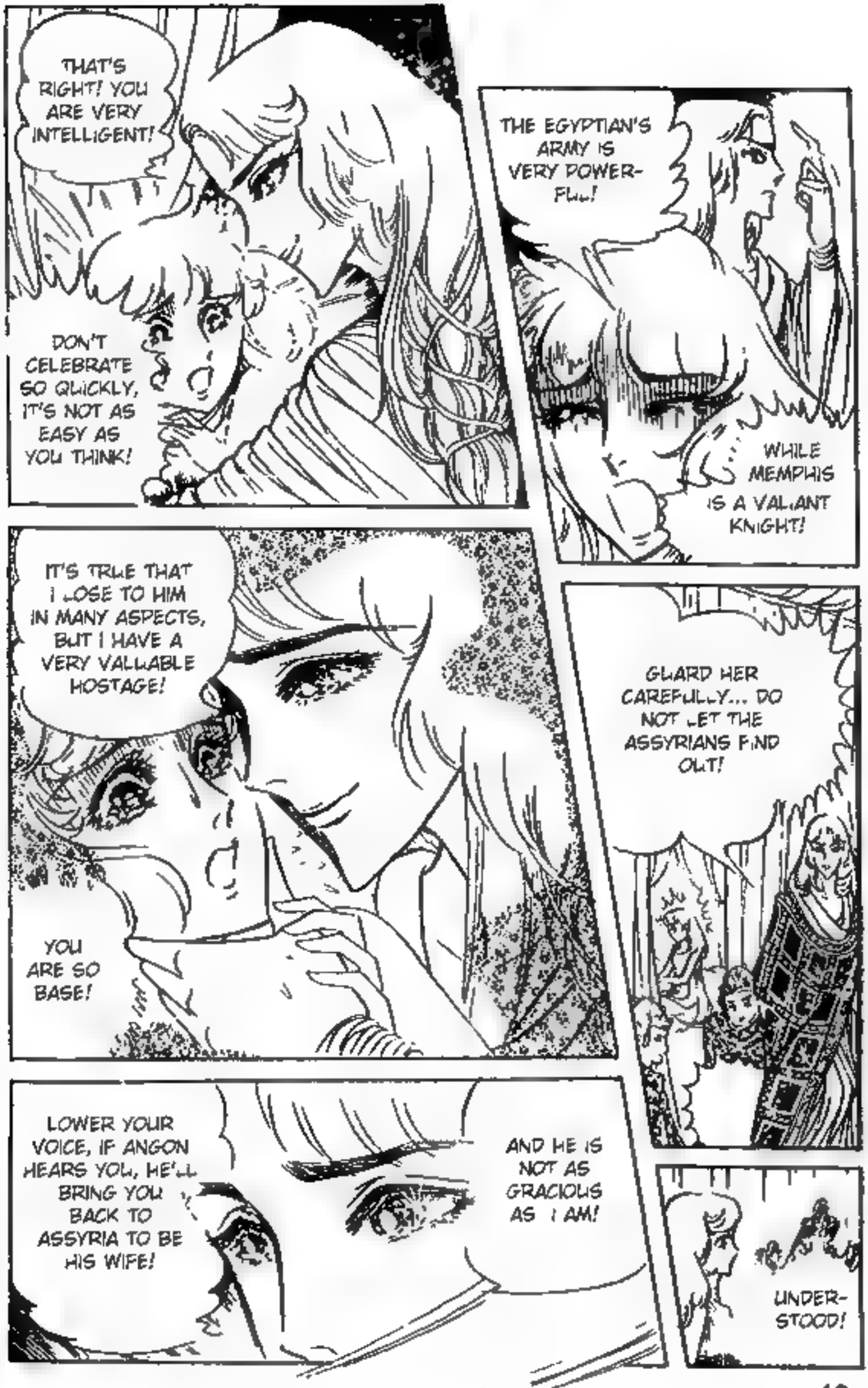
PERHAPS SHE WAS SAVED BY THE GODS?
LIKE WHAT THE RUMOR SAID?
IZUMI! WHO SAID YOU COULD.
LET ME GO!
IT'S ILL MANNERED FOR A MAN TO LOOK AT A WOMEN WHO'S BECOME UNCONCIOUS, UNDERSTAND?
LUCKY!YOU'VE COME TO. .I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CONDITION. .
CAROL, ARE YOU REALLY THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE GODDESS, AND THE GODDESS HAS CURED YOU?

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! BUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TELL THE TRUTH, I WON'T FORCE YOU!
DAMN IT!
DON'T HIDE FROM ME, TELL THE TRUTH, I WON'T TOUCH YOU ANYMORE.. I WILL EVEN WELCOME YOU LIKE AN HONORED GUEST OF THE HITTITES' COURT!
YOU'RE MISTAKEN! MY WOUND WAS OPERATED BY FAMOUS SURGEONS WITH THE BEST SURGICAL TECHNIQUES THAT MODERN MEDICINE ACQUIRES.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME?
COME WITH ME TO HITTITE..
THEREFORE THERE IS NO SCAR!
IT ISN'T BECAUSE I WAS CURED BY THE GODS!
THEN YOU WILL KNOW!

OH.. MORE HIGH-NESSES ??
DID I HEAR WRONG ?
YOUR HIGH-NESS
WHAT IS IT? TELL ME!
THERE'S URGENT NEWS!
OH, ASSYRIAN SOILDERS ...
THAT'S WEIRD ?
OH GOD! THAT MAN IS THE AMBASSADOR FROM ASSYRIA, HE CAME TO MY WEDDING ...
NOT AMBASSADOR, HE'S THE KING OF ASSYRIA!
HE'S ANGON, KING OF ASSYRIA?
THAT'S STRANGE! WHY DID HE DISGUISED HIMSELF, AND DIDN'T SAID HIS REAL IDENTITY AT MY WEDDING? HE DID THAT FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

IZUMI, EXPLAIN TO ME... WHY IS HE HERE?
HE CAME TO THE ARABIAN DESERT WITH THE SAME GOAL AS ME. TO FIND QUEEN CAROL!
WHAT?
WHY DO YOU ALL WANT ME?
BECAUSE YOU ARE . THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE GODDESS!
OH GOD! THAT'S THE REASON I'M BEING HUNTED?
WHOEVER HAS THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE, HE WILL OWN EGYPT!
YOUR HIGHNESS, SECRET NEWS INFORMED US THAT: THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE HAS APPEARED IN LOWER EGYPT!
GOOD!
SEND PEOPLE TO CAPTURE HER!

WITH HER IN MY HAND, I WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT ACE TO PRESSURE THE EGYPTIANS.
I HAVE UNDER-STOOD THE ASSYRIAN'S INTENTION!
IN REALITY, YOU AND THAT ANGON ARE IN THE SAME GROUP!
THAT'S RIGHT! HE AND I JUST SIGNED A TREATY OF ALLIANCE.
TREATY OF ALLIANCE?
THEY PLAN TO UNITE TO ATTACK EGYPT?


THAT'S RIGHT! YOU ARE VERY INTELLIGENT!
DON'T CELEBRATE SO QUICKLY, IT'S NOT AS EASY AS YOU THINK!
THE EGYPTIAN'S ARMY IS VERY POWERFUL!
WHILE MEMPHIS IS A VALIANT KNIGHT!
IT'S TRUE THAT I LOSE TO HIM IN MANY ASPECTS, BUT I HAVE A VERY VALUABLE HOSTAGE!
YOU ARE SO BASE!
GUARD HER CAREFULLY... DO NOT LET THE ASSYRIANS FIND OUT!
LOWER YOUR VOICE, IF ANGON HEARS YOU, HE'LL BRING YOU BACK TO ASSYRIA TO BE HIS WIFE!
AND HE IS NOT AS GRACIOUS AS I AM!
UNDERSTOOD!

WHAT DO I DO?

THEY'RE GOING TO BRING ME TO THE HITTITES!

THAT'S RIGHT! I CAN ONLY ESCAPE FROM HERE, THEN FIND A WAY TO RETURN TO CAPITAL THEBES...

IZUMI THINKS THAT I'M A DAUGHTER OF THE GODS, THEREFORE HE CONFINED ME TO PRESSURE THE EGYPTIANS!

THE EGYPTIANS ALSO BELIEVE THAT I'M THEIR GODDESS, THUS THEY WILL HAVE TO YIELD TO THE HITTITES!

UNINTENTIONALLY, I HAD CREATED A CHANCES FOR THE ENEMY TO ATTACK EGYPT!

HOW UPSETTING . WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE EGYPT FROM THE TRAGEDY OF BEING ATTACKED!

DAUGHTER OF THE NILE.

DAUGHTER OF THE NILE.

THE EGYPTIAN'S GUARDIAN GODDESS

SHE REPRESENTS THE EGYPTIAN'S WEATH

OH GOD.. I REMEMBER. . AT MY WEDDING WITH MEMPHIS, MANY AMBASSADORS FROM MANY SATELLITE COUNTRIES WERE INVITED AND PRESENT.

THEY ALL SPIED ON ME WITH THAT EXAMINED LOOK THINKING I PLAYED A ROLE IN EGYPT'S SURVIVAL!

THEY'VE WORSHIPED ME TO THE POINT OF BELIEVING THAT IF I'M DEAD, EGYPT WILL BE IN A BAD SITUATION...

OH GOD! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO NOW? SUCH A BIG RESPONSIBILITY IS WEIGHING ON MY SMALL SHOULDERS, AN IMMATURE STUDENT OF ARCHEOLOGY...

MEMPHIS... IF ONLY YOU CAN SHARE THIS RESPON-SIBILITY...

IN ANCIENT TIMES, THE LIFE OF THE EGYP-TIANS IS DEPENDENT ON THE NILE WITH ITS IMMENSE SOURCE OF FERTILE ALLUVIUM CREATING VAST LANDS, RICH WITH WHEAT AND RYE THE NILE RIVER IS SO IMPORTANT THAT THE EGYPTIAN WORSHIPS IT AS A GOD THUS WE CAN UNDERSTAND WHY CAROL'S EXISTENCE HAS SUCH AN IMPOR-TANT MEANING TO THEM

GET READY TO LEAVE!

WE START OUR JOUR-NEY TODAY!

THEY'RE GETTING READY TO LEAVE.

I'M ABOUT TO BE BROUGHT TO HIT-TITE...

THE TREATY OF ALLIANCE HAS BEEN SIGNED

OUR TROOPS WILL BE STRONGER THAN THE EGYPTIANS, FOR SURE!

YEAH!

!

SO THIS CAMP IS WHERE THEY HELD THEIR DISCUSSION.

IT WAS INITIATED BY IZUMI.

A TREATY OF ALLIANCE BE-TWEEN ASSYRIA AND HITTITE WILL BE THE BIGGEST THREAT TO EGYPT'S SECU-RITY!

I MUST REPORT THIS TO MEMPHIS!

WHERE IS RUKA BEING HELD?
THEY'RE GUARDING HIM SO TIGHTLY!
I HAVE NO TIME TO FIND RUKA!
I WILL ESCAPE ALONE THEN!
BUT HOW AM I GOING TO ESCAPE ?
THAT'S RIGHT! FIRST I MUST FIND A WAY TO FOOL THE GUARD OUT-SIDE!
THIS GAME IS EASY FOR ME!
SNAP
HEY, WHAT IS IT?
TAKE A LOOK!
IT'S OKAY! SHE'S STILL THERE!

HEY GIRL... PUT THIS WINE ON THE CAMEL!
?
BE CARE-FUL!
LUCKY
TIE IT TIGHTER; DON'T LET IT DROP ON THE WAY!
WHAT IS THIS?
SIR ANGON GAVE IT TO ME!
PERHAPS THEY ARE LOCAL WOMEN.
I WILL BLEND IN WITH THE WOMEN, AND THEN QUICKLY HIDE BEFORE THEY FIND OUT..
HOW PITIFUL.. IF ONLY RUKA WAS HERE TO SHOW THE WAY..
ARE THERE ANY NEWS?
YOUR HIGHNESS, THE NEWEST NEWS TELLS THAT DAUGHTER OF THE NILE HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY BANDITS ON THE WAY!
BANDITS?
?

PERHAPS THOSE BANDITS ARE MY PEOPLE IN DISGUISE COME TO CAPTURE CAROL!
OH CAROL!
THE BRAVEST WOMEN I HAVE EVER ENCOUNTERED
I'M IN NEED OF A SMART, HEROIC GIRL LIKE THAT TO COMMAND MY ARMY
POSSESSION OF HER WILL MAKE ME LORD RULER!
?
MOREOVER, I DON'T CARE IF SHE REALLY IS DAUGHTER OF THE GODS...
I ONLY NEED HER STRATEGIC MIND, INTELLIGENCE, AND FAME!
?
HEY YOU, GIRL!
I CALL THE GIRL WITH THE SCARF HIDING HER FACE!

COME OVER HERE!
OH GOD, I'VE BEEN DISCOVERED!
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
YOU, WHY AREN'T YOU ANSWERING ME?
ARE YOU DEAF?
PLEASE GODS.
WHAT IS IT?
SIR ANGON?
?
PLEASE EXCUSE HER, SHE IS BOTH MUTE AND DEAF .
SHE'S A SERVANT I JUST SELECTED!
WHAT? YOU CHOSE A DISABLED WOMAN FOR A SERVANT?
!
SHE HAS BEAUTIFUL EYES!

YOU HAVE GUTS... DARE TO DISOBEY MY ORDER!
HE KNOWS WHO I AM!
WITHOUT MY PERMISSION YOU CAN'T LEAVE...
YOU WANT TO LOSE YOUR JOB?
HMM.
HEY, HOW ABOUT YOU GIVE ME THE GIRL?
ANGON IS FAMOUS FOR HIS CRUELTY, HE KILLS WITHOUT PITY...
AH... IT HURTS!
BEING IZUMI'S PRISONER IS BETTER.

HA HA HA. I'M JUST KIDDING.. WHO IS SO CRAZY AS TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE DISABLE!
SIRE.. EVERYTHING IS READY, WITH YOUR ORDER, WE'LL LEAVE!
VERY GOOD! LET'S GO!
LUCKY!

IZUMI, GIVE YOUR FATHER, KING OF THE HITTITE, MY INQUIRY OF HEALTH... TELL HIM SOMEDAY I'LL INVITE HIM TO ASSYRIA FOR A VISIT!

AND YOU, WHEN YOU MARRY, REMEMBER TO INVITE ME!

YES, SIRE.. I'M HAPPY THAT WE HAVE OUR TREATY OF ALLIANCE!

HIS HIGHNESS ACTS SO WELL...

ANGON WAS FOOLED...

HEY GIRL, COME WITH ME OBEDIENTLY TO HITTITE NOW!

NO! I WILL-NOT GO!

DON'T THINK YOU CAN FORCE ME!

I WILL GO WITH YOU IN ONE CONDITION..

LET RUKA FREE!

RUKA IS ONLY A GUARD WHO LISTENED TO ORDER!
PLEASE RELEASE HIM.
RELEASE HIM!
CAROL YOU! PUT THAT MUCH TRUST IN ME?
I'M SORRY FOOLED YOU!
ABOUT ME BEING UNCONSIOUS IS ONLY A PLAY, PLANNED BEFOREHAND, CAROL!
LET'S GO!

OUKE NO MONSHOU

NOW, BE OBEDIENT AND LISTEN TO ME, DAUGHTER OF THE NILE.
AT THIS TIME, NO MATTER HOW LOUD YOU SCREAM, NO ONE WILL COME TO SAVE YOU!
SOB..
COME SAVE ME ...
MY DAR-LING PHA-RAOH
MEMPHIS, AT THIS TIME, YOU MUST BE WAITING FOR ME...
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT I'VE FALLEN IN TO THE ENEMY'S HAND...

LONG LIVE THE PHARAOH!
YOUR HIGHNESS, I HEARD THAT DAUGHTER OF THE NILE HAS RE-TURNED TO LOWER EGYPT . IS IT TRUE. ?
IT'S TRUE, RIGHT NOW USASU AND RUKA ARE ESCORTING HER HOME, PERHAPS THEY'RE ABOUT TO ARRIVE!
WE'LL GO AND WELCOME THEM!

BRING ME THE HORSE!
HERE IT IS!
YOUR HIGH-NESS..
CAROL IS COMING BACK?
IT CAN'T BE! THAT'S A GROUND-LESS RUMOR!
MADAM
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT HUMAN CAN COME BACK FROM HELL!
CAROL,
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LONG TO SEE YOU?
NOW I'M VERY HAPPY!
HOW STUPID! I SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN GIZA, LOWER EGYPT .. CAROL WAS FOUND THERE?
AND WHERE IS ARI? WHY ISN'T SHE HELPING ME WITH THIS?

YOUR HIGH-NESS, LET US GO WITH YOU!
US TOO!
WE WANT TO WELCOME HER MAJESTY!
ALL RIGHT, ANYONE CAN FOLLOW IF HE LIKES. I WON'T FORBID!
THAT GIRL IS COMING BACK, MY LIE WILL BE DISCOVERED.
THEY WILL KNOW I'M A SPY FOR ASSYRIA.
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
HOW UN-FORTUNATE FOR JAMARI .
RIGHT WHEN I START. . TO LOVE MEMPHIS!

YOUR MAJESTY. IT'S TROUBLE! WE JUST RECEIVED SOME NEWS!

WHAT NEWS? TELL ME!

SIRE. YOU MUST KEEP YOUR COMPOSURE.

ALRIGHT! I'M KEEPING MY CALMNESS!

WE RECEIVED NEWS SAYING: THE TROOPS THAT ESCORT HER HIGHNESS WERE ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF STRANGERS..

SIR UNASU TRIED HIS BEST TO FIGHT BACK, BUT STILL COULDN'T PROTECT HER MAJESTY. SHE WAS KIDNAPPED!

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WHAT? MY CAROL... WAS ABDUCTED RIGHT ON EGYP-TIAN LAND?
TELL ME THE WHOLE STORY! NOW!

YOUR HIGHNESS!

AFTER LEAVING LOWER EGYPT, THE ESCORTS WERE JUST PASSED THROUGH TEMPLE OF GIZA AND THEN A GROUP OF PEOPLE SURROUNDED US...

UNASU STOPPED THEM SO RUKA CAN TAKE HER HIGHNESS IN THE DIRECTION OF ARABIA DESERT

THEY BOTH THEN DISAPPEARED; THERE ARE MANY CHANCES THAT THEY'VE FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE KIDNAPPERS!

DID YOU ORDER THE SOLDIERS TO SEARCH IN THE DESERT?

WHAT ABOUT UNASU? DID HE ESCAPED?

.....

YOUR HIGHNESS... LUCKILY UNASU ESCAPED DEATH...

HE WENT TO THE APPOINTED PLACE WHICH WAS THE ABANDONED WELL, BUT HE DIDN'T FIND CAROL OR RUKA.

HOW UNFORTUNATE FOR CAROL.

WHO IS SO DARING AS TO DO SUCH A THING ON MY LAND?

POOR HER HIGHNESS

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ARABIAN DESERT L ES BEWEEN THE RED SEA AND THE MEDDITERRANEAN SEA... NORTH OF EGYPT, STRETCH TO THE SOUTH IS ASSYRIA, A LITTLE FARTHER IS HITTITE . BOTH COUNTRIES DO NOT LIKE EGYPT, . PERHAPS THEY ARE THE CULPRIT?

I HAVE MY SHARE OF FAULT..

WHEN I RECEIVED UNASU'S NEWS, I SHOULD HAVE GONE TO LOWER EGYPT AT ONCE, THEN THIS WON'T HAPPEN..

YOUR HIGHNESS.. FOR A LONG TIME, ARABIA DESERT HAS ALWAYS BEEN SEEN AS THE CONFLICT RIDDEN ZONE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ASSYRIA. . I'M AFRAID ..

I UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU MEAN... THIS CAN BE A SCHEME USED TO PROVOKE US...

THAT'S THE REASON WHY WE MUST SOLVE THIS PROBLEM!

I THINK SO TOO!

THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THE ASSYRIANS TRIED TO AGGRAVATE US

THEY'VE WANTED EGYPT FOR A LONG TIME.

BUT THIS TIME THEY' VE GONE TOO FAR; THEY DARE TO KIDNAP QUEEN CAROL, WHO IS LOVED BY ALL EGYPTIANS.

WE MUST PUNISH THEM SE-VERELY!

ANGON MUST BE THE ONE THAT DID THIS, NO ONE ELSE!

WE HAVE BEEN TOO SOFT!

THIS TIME I SWEAR I WILL NOT GO EASY ON THEM!

PRIME MINISTER IMHOTEP, PLEASE SEND 3 ARMED FORCES TO BLOCKADE ALL ROUTES TO ASSYRIA...

YES, YOUR HIGHNESS!

ALSO, GIVE THIS ORDER TO ALL TROOPS PATROLLING THE BORDER IN THE COUNTRY; CAPTURE ANYONE THAT EVEN SEEMS SUSPICIOUS!

YES! WE WILL HAVE TROOPS PROTECTING THE PHARAOH.

WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO FIND THE QUEEN, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO UNEARTH THE ARABIA DESERT!

BRING ME THE HORSE!
IMHOTEP I GIVE YOU THE POWER TO MANEUVER THE ARMY
YES! PLEASE DON'T WORRY WILL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING!
I JUST HOPE YOUR HIGHNESS FINDS OUR HONORABLE QUEEN QUICKLY!
WE WILL GO IN THE ARABIA DESERT ONCE THE SUN IS UP!

GENERAL MINUE, YOU TAKE CARE OF THE NORTH!
YES, SIRE!
WE PRAY FOR THE GODS' SUPPORT, PLEASE LET US FIND DAUGHTER OF THE NILE, THE GUARDIAN GODDESS OF THE EGYPTIANS!
PLEASE SUPPORT US, GODS!
I WONDER WHO HAS KIDNAPPED OUR QUEEN!
THOSE EVIL PEOPLE!! THE QUEEN'S WOUND JUST HEALED, NOW THIS...
POOR HER MAJESTY!

CAROL IS MISSING!
HOPE SHE FALLS INTO THE HAND OF ARI, EVEN WITHOUT MY ORDER...
ARI WAS ONCE WOUNDED BY MEMPHIS; HENCE SHE HATES ALL OF THEBES OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY CAROL AND MEMPHIS...
LUCKY, I ALMOST GOT UNMASKED ..
GODS STILL LOVE JAMARI!
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE EGYPTIANS LOVE CAROL SO MUCH?
DOES SHE HAVE INCOMPARABLE BEAUTY? OR UNPARALLELED WIT?

WHO DID THIS?
WHO HAS DARED TO STEAL MY CAROL?
POOR CAROL, THE WOUND ON HER SHOULDER IS NOT COMPLETELY HEALED, YET
CAROL... PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
I SHOULD HAVE GONE TO WELCOME YOU...
OH GOD... BECAUSE I WAS OVERCONFIDENT, I PUSHED YOU INTO A WRETCHED SITUATION.

OUKE NO MONSHOU

I THOUGHT THE DAY I UNITE WITH YOU IS COMING CLOSE.
IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, MY SOUL WAS BURNING HOT.
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THAT DAY KEEPS ON GETTING FURTHER...
CAROL, MY DARLING... WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
ALL SOLDIERS PAY ATTENTION...
DO NOT STRAY FROM THE PHARAOH...
ESPECIALLY THE IMPERIAL GUARD· GET YOUR WEAPONS READY...
READY TO PROTECT THE PHARAOH...

MEMPHIS, WHERE ARE YOU... HELP ME.
CAROL!
CAROL... I SWEAR BEFORE THE GODS: WHOEVER DARE HARM EVEN JUST ONE OF YOUR TOES...
THAT PERSON WILL BE MINCED BY MY HAND!
BECAUSE TO ME... YOU ARE EVERY-THING!

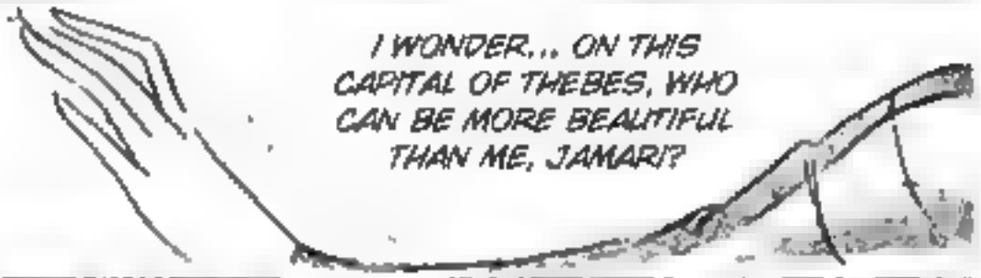
I'LL ACCEPT IF YOU SAY THAT I'M CRUEL...

BUT I CAN'T FORGIVE ANYONE WHO DARES HARM THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE- THE LOVE OF MY LIFE!

YOUR HIGHNESS.. WE'RE ABOUT TO ENTER ARABIA DESERT. PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

HA HA..
SO I STILL HAVE PLENTY OF HOPE

IF CAROL CAN'T BE FOUND, PHARAOH MEMPHIS WILL COME BACK TO ME


I WONDER... ON THIS CAPITAL OF THEBES, WHO CAN BE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN ME, JAMARI?

WHAT DID YOU SAY? ARI'S PLAN OF KIDNAPPING CAROL HAS FAILED?
THEN WHOSE TRAP HAS THAT GIRL FALLEN INTO?
UM, IT SEEMS TO BE THE HITTITES!

PRINCE IZUMI'S TROOP?
AH HA... THAT'S EVEN BETTER... I DON'T HAVE TO CARRY THE BAD REPUTATION...

HM... THAT IMPERIAL MAID JAMARI... REALLY SUSPICIOUS!
LATELY I OFTEN SEE HER FOLLOWING MEMPHIS AROUND ..
I'M SURE SHE'S NOT A COMMON MUSICIAN.. IT SEEMED SHE'S BEEN TRAINED TO BE A PROSTITUTE IN THE KING'S PALACE!
THE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT THAT SHE USED IS VERY SPECIAL. I THINK I'VE SEEN IT SOME-WHERE...

WE'LL REACH THE BORDER SOON.. LET'S SET CAMP AND REST!

TOMORROW AT DAWN, WE CONTINUE THE LAST TRIP AND REACH THE CAPITAL OF HITTITE.

HOORAY!

LET ME TAKE YOU TO YOUR TENT!

LET ME GO, I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!

NOW I CAN ONLY DEPEND ON UNASU, IF UNASU IS STILL ALIVE, HE DEFINITELY WILL CATCH UP!

MY HOPE CAN ONLY LAST THROUGH TONIGHT!

THAT PRINCE IZUMI ALWAYS FOLLOWS ME LIKE A SHADOW...
I'M AFRAID EVEN IF UNASU CATCHES UP; HE WON'T DARE ACT...
MAYBE I SHOULD FLEE?
THAT PLAN IS NO GOOD...
I DON'T KNOW THE WAY...
WHERE IS THIS, TELL ME!
WE'RE A FEW MILES AWAY FROM THE DEAD SEA. GO THROUGH FEW MORE BAYS AND WE'LL ARRIVE IN HITTITE...
DEAD SEA IS OVER HERE? IT BELONGS TO JORDAN IN THE 21ST CENTURY, THE WATER THERE CONTAINS HIGH CONCENTRATION OF MINERAL SALTS, NOTHING CAN LIVE THERE, AND THAT'S WHY IT'S NAMED LIKE THAT.
UH. HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SECRET OF THIS SEA SO WELL?

THEN THE LAND FAR OVER THERE IS THE ANCIENT CAPITAL OF JERUSALEM!

OH NO! RIGHT NOW IT'S JUST AN EMPTY PLATEAU!

IN THE FUTURE THAT PLACE WILL BECOME A FLOURISHING CAPITAL. IT'S SPECIAL BECAUSE IT'S THE PLACE OF BIRTH OF 3 MAJOR RELIGIONS, JUDAISM, ISLAM, AND CHRISTIANITY...

THEN I WAS BORN BEFORE JESUS '100 YEARS'

SOME-THING I CAN'T BELIEVE AT ALL!

THE PLACE I'M STANDING ON WILL BE CALLED THE HOLY LAND LATER.

IF I TELL THIS TO MY FRIENDS

THEY WILL SAY THAT I'M CRAZY

100 YEARS AFTER TODAY, ON THIS BETHLEHEM LAND, JESUS WILL BE BORN... AND BEGINS THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CALANDER.

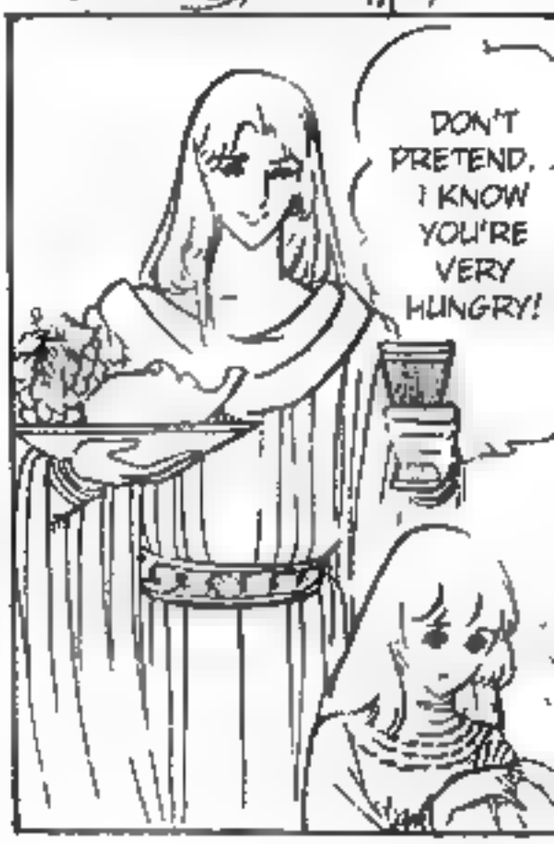
!
HEY, GO TO SLEEP, WE'LL BEGIN OUR JOURNEY EARLY!
!

I'M BY MYSELF, AND I CAN'T ESCAPE TO RETURN TO THEBES...
PERHAPS I HAVE TO GIVE UP...

WHAT'S WRONG? COME EAT WITH ME!
I'M NOT HUNGRY!

GROWL

SNIFF!
SOB!


DON'T PRETEND. I KNOW YOU'RE VERY HUNGRY!

LISTEN TO ME, EAT TO REGAIN YOUR STRENGHTH!
IF YOU WANT TO FLEE, YOU STILL NEED YOUR STRENGTH!
YOU'RE IN GROWING PERIOD, AND STILL GO ON DIET. .
YOU'LL BECOME EMACIATED, AND YOU'LL LOOK UGLY!
IF I'M UGLY OR THIN, IT'S STILL MY PROBLEM. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!
NOW NOW .. WHY SO MAD?
ALRIGHT
I'LL LEAVE THIS FOOD HERE FOR YOU. IF YOU FEEL HUNGRY DURING THE NIGHT, GO AHEAD AND EAT!
I DON'T WANT THEM!

IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM, I'LL FINISH THEM THEN!
TOMORROW MORNING, DON'T CRY WHEN YOU'RE HUNGRY!
TOMORROW WHEN WE REACH HATTUSA, I'LL GIVE YOU A TOUR.
NO NEED TO ADVERTISE, I HAVE VISITED CAPITAL HATTUSA MANY TIMES WITH MY BROTHER RAAN!
YOUR PALACE IS BUILT ON A CLIFF, IT'S UGLY!
WHAT?
STRANGE! THE CONSTRUCTION OF PALACE HATTUSA JUST FINISHED A MONTH AGO..
HOW COME SHE KNOWS IT SO WELL...
AND HOW DID SHE VISITED IT SO MANY TIMES?
!
CAROL! YOU REALLY ARE A GODDESS!
NO! I'M JUST SOMEONE WHO CAME FROM THE FUTURE!
DON'T LIE. .

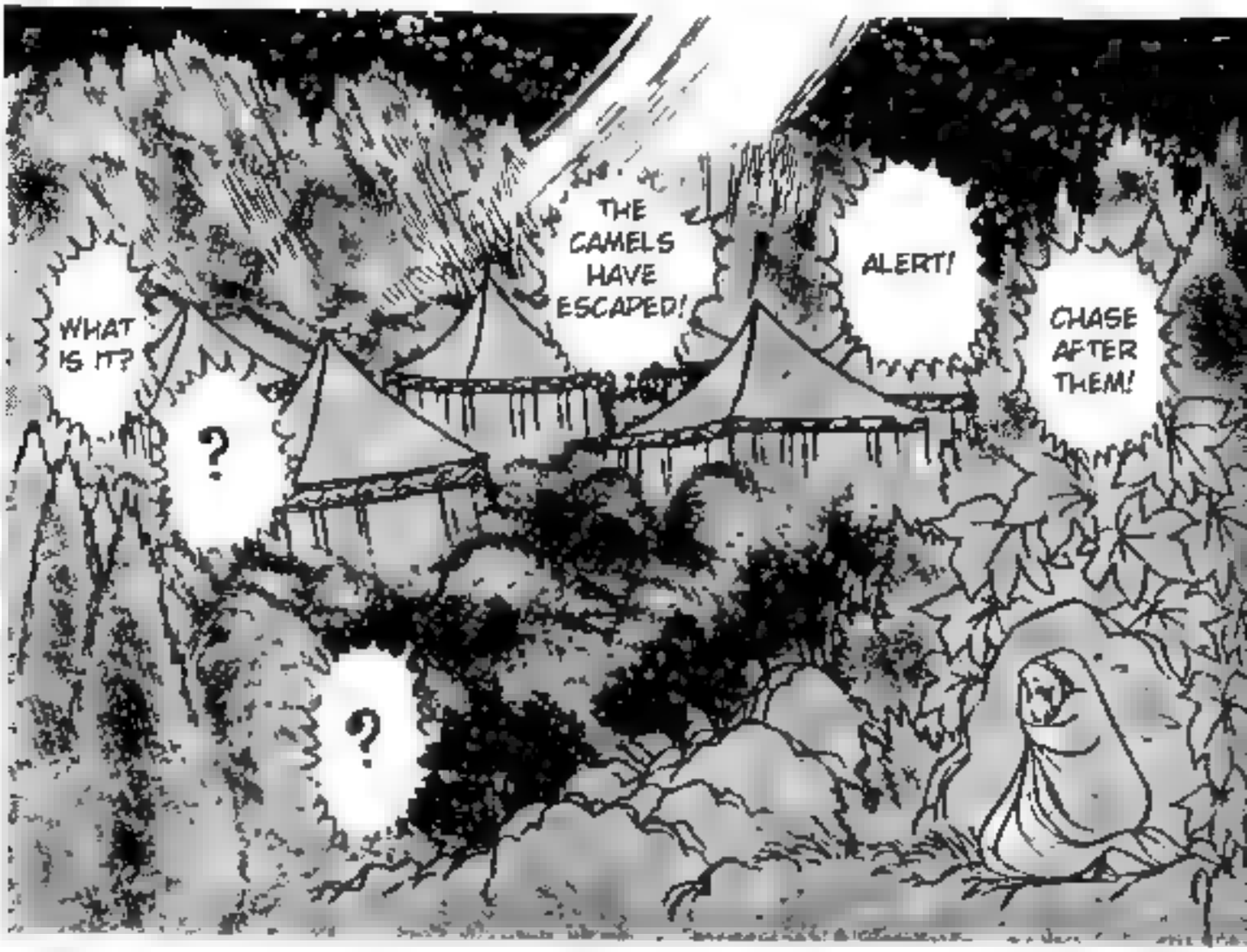
TELL ME THE TRUTH! DON'T DENY IT!
TELL ME: HOW DID YOU BRING WEALTH TO EGYPT?
TELL ME THAT SECRET I ALSO WANT THE HITTITES TO LIVE IN HAPPINESS, LIKE THE EGYPTIANS!
NO! YOU'RE MISTAKEN!

OUKE NO MONSHOU

DAMN IT! I DIDN'T STUDY ANCIENT HITTITE'S HISTORY, SO I CAN'T HELP HIM...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
I'M JUST AN ORDINARY STUDENT!
ALERT!
CATCH HIM!
CATCH HIM!
WHAT IS THIS COMMOTION?
SIRE, THERE IS AN INTRUDER!
THEY MUST HAVE THOUGHT THAT WE'RE TRADERS, SO THEY CAME IN TO STEAL...
LUCKILY, WE DISCOVERED THEM!
HEY!
HERE IS MY CHANCE!
I MUST USE THIS MOMENT
TO RLEASE THE CAMELS
THEN MAKE A SCENE ..
THOSE STUPID SOLDIERS WILL FALL INTO MY TRAP ..

SMACK!
GO ON, RUN!

RUN!
RUN!


WHAT IS IT?
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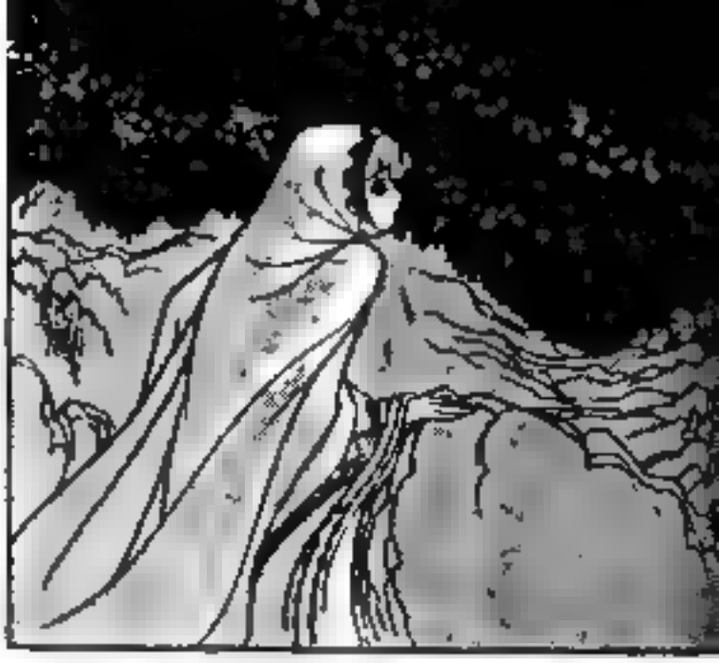
THE CAMELS HAVE ESCAPED!
ALERT!
CHASE AFTER THEM!

ALERT! DAUGHTER OF THE NILE RODE THE CAMEL ESCAPE!
AFTER THEM!
UNDER-STOOD!
WAKE THE PRINCE UP!
HA HA HA... THEY WERE FOOLED!
LET'S USE THIS CHANCE..
I'LL RUN DEEPLY INTO THE DESERT ..
I'LL FIND AN OASIS, AND STAY FOR THE NIGHT ..

WHEN THERE IS A GROUP OF TRADERS PASSING THROUGH...
I'LL ASK THEM FOR BOARDING TO GO BACK TO EGYPT
OR AT LEAST I'LL ASK THEM TO DELIVER A MESSAGE TO MEMPHIS
CAROL IS ESCAPING!
POOR GIRL!

SNIFF!
LET'S REST FOR AWHILE!
THIS PLACE IS QUITE SAFE.

BUT THIS WON'T DO. . IT'S TOO BARE HERE...



LET'S GO A LITTLE MORE.
EXPERIENCE TELLS ME I MUST FIND FIND AN OASIS BEFORE THE SUN RISES.

THE DESERT AT NIGHT IS FREEZ- ING...

BUT IT'S BETTER THAN THE BURNING HEAT DURING THE DAY...

OH I'M HUNGRY AND TIRED.

EAT TO REGAIN YOUR STRENG TH!
IF YOU WANT TO FLEE YOU STILL NEED YOUR STRENGTH!

LUCKILY I ATE SOME BEFORE...
IF I DIDN'T
MY HANDS AND FEET ARE FROZEN
IF I STOP HERE I WON'T BE ABLE TO GO ON...
A LITTLE MORE!
OH, MY SHOULDER...
PERHAPS I TRIED TOO HARD; THE OLD WOUND WAS TOUCHED, AND STARTED HURTING AGAIN!
HOOOH...

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AROUND THE SAME TIME, IN ASSYRIA (PRESENT-DAY IRAQ)...
ARE YOU SURE?
YES, YOUR MAJESTY. WE INVESTIGATED THIS MATTER VERY CAREFULLY.
I SEE, SO THE BLIND GIRL THAT IZUMI CARESSED WAS THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE.
DAMMIT!
HE FOOLED ME TO GET HIS HANDS ON THAT GIRL!
NEXT TIME, I'LL SHRED HIS GUTS!

NEVER AGAIN! THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE BELONGS TO ME!
MY PLAN IS TO CONQUER EGYPT AND HITTITE...THEN I'LL MAKE CAROL MY QUEEN!
TO THINK AN INTELLIGENT AND CLEVER PERSON LIKE MYSELF WAS TRICKED SO EASILY. HOW STUPID OF ME!
I SAW HER BEWILDERED BLUE EYES BUT I DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO VERIFY IF IT WAS HER.
I HAVEN'T LOST JUST YET!
I'M NOT READY TO LOSE YET!

IZUMI KIDNAPPED CAROL. SINCE I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT, FOR NOW, I'LL PRETEND I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING.
HM...AT THE SAME TIME, I'LL SPREAD OUT A FALSE RUMOR THAT ASSYRIANS KIDNAPPED CAROL.
HURRY!
HURRY!

OH, WHY IS IT LIKE THIS?!
I HAVE SEARCHED THIS VAST DESERT, BUT THERE IS STILL NO SIGN OF HER!
I HAVE TO SEND THE TROOPS OUT TO SEARCH FOR HER...
THERE MIGHT BE.
SOME-ONE OUT THERE WHO WITNESSED THE KIDNAP-PING
YOUR MAJESTY, I JUST ENCOUN-TERED A GROUP OF MERCHANTS!
THEY SAID THAT A FEW DAYS AGO, AN ASSYRIAN TROOP WENT THROUGH HERE!
WHAT?! ASSYRIA'S ARMY PASSED THROUGH THIS PLACE?
WHY WOULD THE ASSYRIAN KING BRING HIS ARMY TO THIS ARID DESERT?

THE MERCHANTS ALSO SAW TWO PEOPLE RIDING ON A CAMEL.
BASED ON THEIR DESCRIPTION, IT'S PROBABLY RUKA AND QUEEN CAROL!
THEN THE INFORMATION IS CORRECT.
THE ENTIRE ARMY WAS ATTACKED AT WEST EGYPT. UNASA MUST HAVE STAYED BEHIND TO SLOW THEIR PACE AND ALLOW RUKA TO TAKE CAROL AWAY, BUT THEY WERE CAPTURED SOON AFTER!
SO ASSYRIA KIDNAPPED OUR QUEEN?
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

YES, THAT HAS TO BE IT! ANGON HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO DEFEAT EGYPT. HE TOOK CAROL AS HIS HOSTAGE TO PUT ME UNDER THIS KIND OF PRESSURE...
UNASA, I AM GLAD YOU ARE BACK.
YOUR MAJESTY...
I'M HERE TO RECEIVE PUNISHMENT FOR FAILING TO PROTECT OUR QUEEN.
STAND UP! IT HAPPENED AND I CANNOT BLAME YOU FOR THAT.
I AM GLAD THAT YOU ARE STILL ALIVE.
YOUR MAJESTY,
GENERAL UNASA WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU.

I'M TO BLAME FOR NOT FIGURING OUT THE ENEMY'S SCHEME.
YOUR MAJ-ESTY.

I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THAT THE BORDERING COUNTRIES WOULD TARGET CAROL...
...ESPECIALLY AFTER SHE BECAME MY WIFE!

THE KIDNAPPERS WILL DEFINITELY USE CAROL AS LEVERAGE TO CREATE TENSION IN EGYPT.
AT LEAST FOR NOW, THEY WILL NOT HARM MY CAROL...

I KNEW IT!

YOUR MAJESTY! WE FOUND MANY CAMEL FOOTPRINTS OVER THERE!

THERE IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO JUST MOVED SOUTHWEST.

GENERAL MINUE!

GO TO OTHER LOCAL TRIBES AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIND OUT ANYTHING.

LINASA, TAKE SOME OF THE MOST POWERFUL WARRIORS WITH YOU AND GO AFTER THEM.

IF YOU SEE ANYTHING STRANGE, COME BACK AND REPORT IT TO ME

WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO THE BORDER.

YEAH, I CAN SEE ASSYRIA FROM HERE

YES, YOUR MAJESTY!

I'LL DO IT RIGHT THIS TIME TO REPENT FOR MY MISTAKE

THERE IS A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SAVING CAROL...

OH, CAROL...

...I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH THE ENEMY WHILE YOU WAIT FOR ME.

PHEW! AT LAST WE'VE CROSSED THE DESERT
HERE, THIS VEIL WILL KEEP YOU WARMER.
IT IS VERY COLD IN HATTUSA AROUND THIS TIME...
IT EVEN SNOWED!
OH!
I REMEMBER NOW. THE HATTUSA PLAIN IS THE CAPITAL OF ANCIENT HITTITE. THE WEATHER HERE IS EXTREMELY HARSH
AND CAN SOMETIMES GO BELOW 0 DEGREES CELSIUS.
CAPITAL HATTUSA
HITTITE
ASSYRIA
EGYPT
THAT MEANS I'M GOING FARTHER AWAY FROM CAIRO!

PHARAOH MEMPHIS WAS CONVINCED THAT ASSYRIAN TROOPS HAD CAPTURED CAROL.
IN REALITY, PRINCE IZUMI HAD ALREADY TAKEN CAROL PAST THE BORDER AND WAS NOW HEADING TOWARDS HATTUSA, THE CAPITAL OF HITTITE.

HEY, WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SAD?
YOU MISS YOUR PHARAOH?
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!
ARGH! IF HE KEEPS THIS CLOSE TO ME, HOW AM I GOING TO ESCAPE?
I HEARD THAT YOU ARE VERY COURA-GEOUS.
WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE A CRYBABY NOW?

OH!
HUH?
IT IS SNOW-ING
ARE YOU COLD?
IT'S NONE OF YOUR CONCERN IF I'M COLD OR NOT.
JUST STAY AWAY FROM ME!
HM, SHE IS SO CAL-LOUS...
WE WILL ARRIVE IN HATTUSA IN ONE MORE DAY OF TRAVEL...I HOPE BY THEN YOU WILL LOOSEN UP A LITTLE BIT
WHAT?
ONLY ONE MORE DAY?
I'LL HAVE NO TIME TO RUN AWAY!
PRINCE, THE KING'S ASSISTANTS ARE HERE TO WELCOME US HOME!
REALLY?
FATHER IS SO CONSIDERATE! I GUESS I WORRIED HIM FOR LEAVING FOR SO LONG.

PRINCE, WHERE IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE?
WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HER!
OH, CERTAINLY.
THIS GIRL IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TREASURE IN EGYPT, BUT FROM NOW ON SHE WILL BELONG TO US!
HOORAY! THE PRINCE HAS SUCCESSFULLY FOOLED MEMPHIS!
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?!
HATTUSA'S BEHIND THIS MOUNTAIN!

WE HAVE TO PASS THIS MOUNTAIN BEFORE THE SUNSET!
HURRY !
OH, IT'S FREEZ-ING!
I'LL CATCH A COLD IF THIS KEEPS UP...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I ENDURED SUCH A LONG JOURNEY FROM IRAQ TO IRAN AND ENDED UP IN THIS PLACE!
BENEATH MY FEET COULD BE THE OIL MINES THAT WON'T BE DISCOVERED UNTIL THE 20TH CENTURY...

BACK IN THE 21ST CENTURY...
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, MY BROTHER'S COMPANY ALSO OWNED A SMALL OIL MINE HERE,
RIGHT BENEATH THIS VALLEY.
I ALREADY TOLD YOU!
ALWAYS HAVE SOMEONE GUARDING CAROL!
THAT LITTLE BOAT CAN'T MOVE VERY FAST. WE'LL DEFINITELY SPOT HER IF WE USE THE MOTORBOAT AGAINST THE CURRENT.
BROTHER...
TO BE SAFE, I ALSO HAD A HELICOPTER CHECK THE RIVER'S BORDER. HOPEFULLY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND HER SOON...
CAROL, MY DARLING...
IT'S ALL MOM'S FAULT? I SHOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT YOU HERE!

THAT MEANS THAT ALL THE DOCUMENTS DESCRIBING HATTUSA WERE PRETTY ACCURATE!

HOORAY!

HOORAY!

HOORAY!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRINCE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

AT LAST, THE AGREEMENT WITH ASSYRIA IS NOW COMPLETE!

OH, IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF HIM!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I FELL INTO HIS HANDS AGAIN!
THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE!
THAT'S NOT THE ONLY ACHIEVEMENT...
PRINCE IZUMI ALSO HOLDS THE MOST PRECIOUS AND IMPORTANT SUBJECT!
YES!
THAT'S HER?
THAT IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE NILE
I HEARD SHE POSSESSES MAGIC!
I TRIED SO HARD TO RUN AWAY FROM HIM THE LAST TIME...
...BUT WHAT AM I GOING TO DO NOW?

THE CAPITAL IS STURDILY BUILT.
THERE'S ONLY ONE EXIT, BUT IT'S SECURELY GUARDED!
THERE'S A SLIGHT CHANCE OF ESCAPING FROM THIS PLACE ..
TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO FLEE?
IT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN THIS TIME!
.....
NOW, FOLLOW ME...
YOU...ARE YOU GOING TO PUT ME IN PRISON?
WHO TOLD YOU THAT? YOU ARE MY FRIEND? MY GUEST!
PLEASE STOP USING THAT TONE OF VOICE. WHO WANTS TO BE YOUR FRIEND, ANYWAY?
FROM NOW ON, WE WILL GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER MORE.
LOOK AT YOU, BEING SO SNEAKY!
WHAT IS THIS? WHY IS YOUR HAND SO COLD?
YOU ARE SICK.
LET US GO TO MY ROOM WHERE IT IS WARMER!

DO NOT WORRY, I AM NOT GOING TO EAT YOU.
I AM NOT PERVERTED LIKE ANGON.
YOU ARE SAFE BY MY SIDE.
I PROMISE!
CAN I REALLY TRUST HIM?
WELL, I'LL BE EX-TREMELY CAUTIOUS JUST IN CASE.
OH! PRINCE IZUMI IS BACK!
SON! I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
THE PRINCE

FATHER! MOTHER!
I SUCCEEDED IN MAKING A COMPROMISE WITH THE KING OF ASSYRIA TO KEEP THE PEACE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT IT!
IT IS NOT IMPORTANT TO LOOK OVER THAT RIGHT NOW.
I WOULD RATHER LOOK AT HER!
ONE YEAR AGO, THIS GIRL LED MEMPHIS TO OUR CAPITAL AND HE NEARLY DESTROYED IT...DO YOU STILL REMEMBER THAT?
UH-OH ...

IT HAS ALMOST BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE LAST MET, AND NOW YOU LOOK SO MUCH PRETTIER...THAT BLOND HAIR AND THOSE BLUE EYES...
NO WONDER THERE ARE SO MANY MEN WHO WISH TO CAPTURE YOU.
OH, SHE IS SO ALLURING...
I JUST SAW HER AND I AM ALREADY CAPTIVATED.

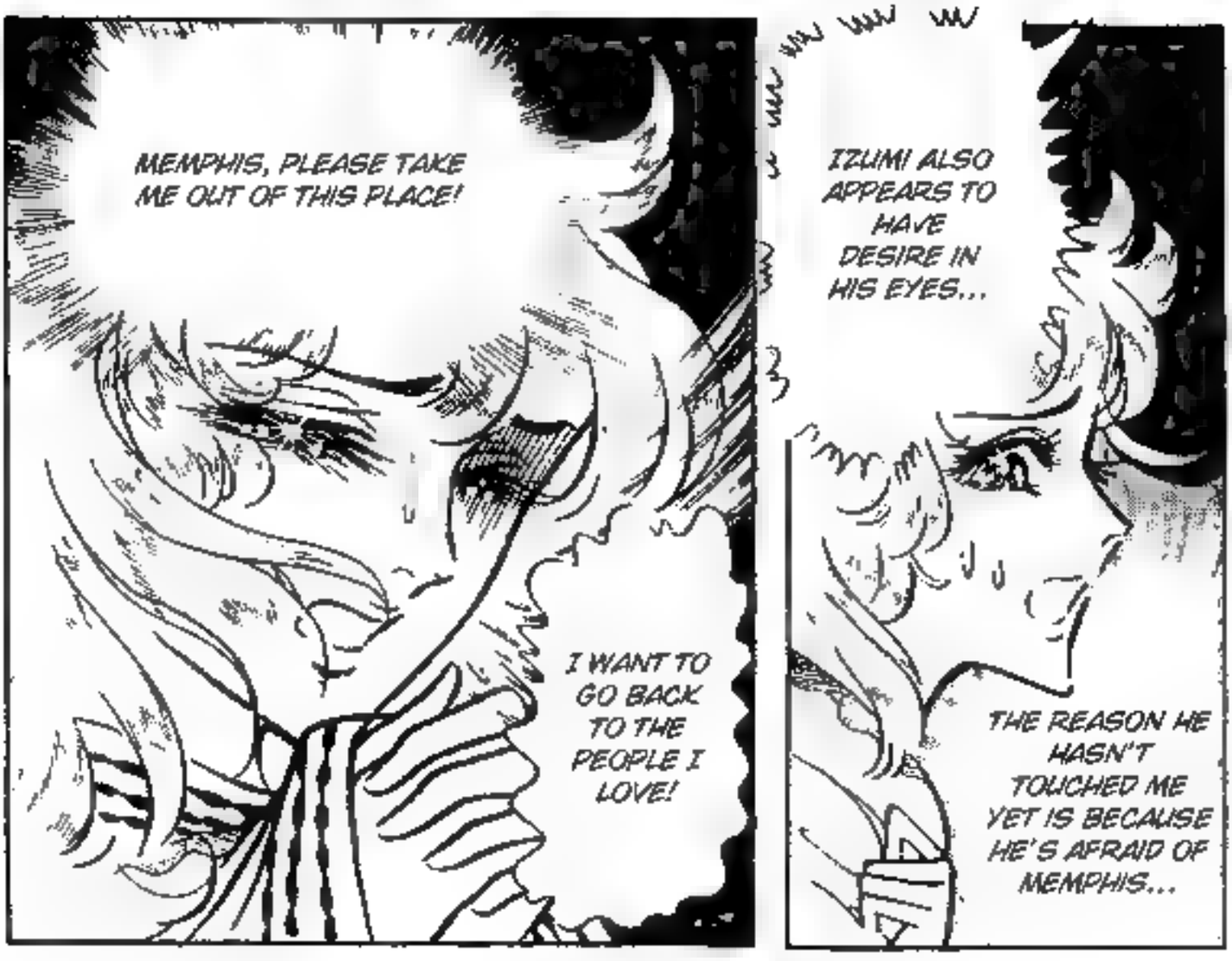
LET ME WARM YOU UP
UH...WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LET GO OF ME!

HEY! YOU CAN BE MY FATHER AT THAT AGE!
SLAP

AH, WELL DONE, LITTLE GIRL.

FATHER, SHE JUST GOT HERE FROM A LONG JOURNEY. WE SHOULD LET HER REST
OH, THAT IS TRUE.
MY INTENTION WAS ONLY TO TEASE HER A LITTLE.

DAMN...
THIS GUY IS CRAZY!


MEMPHIS, PLEASE TAKE ME OUT OF THIS PLACE!
I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE PEOPLE I LOVE!
IZUMI ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE DESIRE IN HIS EYES...
THE REASON HE HASN'T TOUCHED ME YET IS BECAUSE HE'S AFRAID OF MEMPHIS...

ONCE AGAIN, I'VE BECOME A PAWN IN THE ENEMY'S HAND. THEY WILL USE ME AGAINST MEMPHIS.
SOB SOB SOB
AGAIN, UNINTENTIONALLY, I'VE BECOME A BURDEN TO YOU...I WISH I COULD DIE SO THAT YOU WOULD BE FREE TO KILL THE ENEMY!
ALL RIGHT, FOLLOW ME. I WILL TAKE YOU TO A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN REST
I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
LET ME GO!
JUST KILL ME, YOU BASTARD!

TELL THE SERVANT TO BRING WARM WATER HERE SO THAT SHE CAN WASH HER FACE.
AND BRING A NEW PAIR OF CLOTHES FOR HER TO CHANGE OUT OF THAT WET OUTFIT
IF YOU ARE IMPRISONED HERE, THEN YOU MUST WEAR WHAT THE HITTITE PEOPLE WEAR!
PLEASE FOLLOW ME.

STAY AWAY FROM ME! DON'T THINK THAT I CAN BE PUSHED AROUND THAT EASILY!
IF ANY OF YOU TOUCH ME, YOU'LL BE SORRY! I'M PREPARED TO SACRIFICE MY LIFE FOR MY PRIDE!
HEY, I HEARD THAT THE ASSYRIAN TROOPS MADE A BIG PARTY BEFORE THEY LEFT THEIR CAMPSITE.
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE.
NO...THERE IS NO LOGICAL REASON TO EXPLAIN THEIR PRESENCE IN EGYPT UNLESS THEY HAVE SOME IMPORTANT ISSUE TO TAKE CARE OF.
HM...COULD THAT IMPORTANT ISSUE BE RELATED TO THE KIDNAPPING OF OUR QUEEN?
OUR QUEEN CAROL WILL BE IN BIG TROUBLE IF SHE FELL INTO KING ANGON'S HANDS! HE'S SO PERVERTED!
BUT OUR QUEEN IS A GODDESS! DOESN'T HE HAVE TO LIMIT HIMSELF IN HER PRESENCE?

WE CAN'T ATTACK ASSYRIA'S ARMY AND ALL OF OUR EFFORTS ARE FUTILE BECAUSE WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE.
PLEASE LET OUR QUEEN RETURN HOME SAFELY!
YES...ALL THE EGYPTIAN CITIZENS ARE AFFECTIONATE TOWARDS HER!
UNASA EXECUTED MY ORDER AND HAS NOT RETURNED YET? HE HAS BEEN GONE FOR THREE DAYS NOW...
YES, THERE IS NO SIGHT OF HIM.
MAYBE WE SHOULD SEND SOMEONE TO ASSYRIA AND DIRECTLY ASK FOR HIS WHEREABOUTS.
THAT WILL NOT WORK. ANGON WILL DENY EVERYTHING.
HE IS A SLY FOX!
YOUR MAJESTY, THERE IS A SOLDIER FROM ASSYRIA WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU.
SHOULD WE LET HIM IN?

YOUR MAJESTY, THIS IS A LETTER FROM KING ANGON!
A LETTER FOR ME?
WHAT?!
YES, YOUR MAJESTY.
WHAT DOES HE WANT?
HE IS SO ARROGANT. HOW DARE HE ASK ME TO PERSONALLY GO TO ASSYRIA TO DISCUSS A PEACE TREATY...
WHAT?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD HAPPEN?
MIGHTY PHARAOH OF EGYPT, WE HAVE ALWAYS RESPECTED AND ADMIRED YOU.
IN HONORING KING ANGON'S SEVEN-YEAR REIGN, WE WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK YOU TO VISIT ASSYRIA IN ORDER TO CREATE A PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT AND ASSYRIA.
IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO HAVE THE ALMIGHTY PHARAOH COME AND VISIT OUR COUNTRY!
BUT WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE NOW?

SURELY, THEY MOST LIKELY HAVE ALREADY NOTICED CAROL'S ABSENCE...

AND STILL, THEY ARE ASKING ME TO VISIT THEIR COUNTRY?

WHAT KIND OF PLAN DOES ANGON HAVE IN MIND?

WE ALSO BROUGHT A GIFT FOR YOU.

WHAT?

WHAT KIND OF GIFT IS HE HOLDING? I DO NOT KNOW WHY, BUT I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

OUR KING WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU RECEIVED THIS GIFT.

ALL RIGHT, SHOW IT TO ME.

OH, NO! THAT IS THE BRACELET I GAVE CAROL ON THE DAY OF OUR WEDDING!

HOW DID THEY GET THIS?!

SO THAT WAS HIS PLAN.
MY CAROL IS IN ARGON'S HANDS!
PHARAOH, PLEASE CALM DOWN?THE JEWELRY ISN'T ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO PROVE THAT CAROL'S IN ASSYRIA. SHE COULD HAVE ACCIDENTALLY DROPPED IT IN THE DESERT!
I ALSO THINK THAT CAROL IS NOT CAPTURED YET!
IF ANYTHING, WE WOULD HAVE PROBABLY HEARD ABOUT IT!
HM...
PHARAOH, PLEASE CONSIDER THE FACTS BEFORE YOU RESPOND. THIS COULD BE ANGON'S TRAP TO SHAKE YOUR SPIRIT...HE COULD BE PERSUADING YOU TO GO THERE SO HE CAN KILL YOU!
PHARAOH, PLEASE STAY STRONG!
WE MIGHT FALL INTO A TRAP!
WHAT THEY SAY IS TRUE!
YOU SHOULD NOT PUT YOURSELF IN DANGER!
BUT ANGON MIGHT HAVE IMPRISONED CAROL!

IF THAT IS THE CASE, THEN I HAVE TO GO AND SAVE HER!
CAROL IS MY WIFE! IF I COWER AND DO NOT GO TO SAVE HER, THIS HUMILIATION WILL BE WITH ME FOREVER.
OH?
PHA-RAOH HAS A POINT.
NO! IT IS A TRAP!
AGREEING TO GO TO ASSYRIA IS THE SAME AS ASKING FOR DEATH!
GO BACK TO YOUR KING AND TELL HIM...
...I AM COMING!
YES, YOUR MAJESTY! OUR KING WILL BE VERY HAPPY!

HA HA HA
EVERYTHING IS GOING AS PLANNED.
THE PHARAOH IN LOVE HAS FALLEN INTO OUR KING'S TRAP!
COMMANDER IMHOTEP, CHOOSE AN EXCELLENT SOLDIER TO BE DISGUISED AS A MERCHANT. HE WILL GO TO ASSYRIA TONIGHT.
ALSO, TAKE CHARGE OF OUR TROOPS NEAR ASSYRIA'S BORDER AND WAIT THERE FOR ME.
REMEMBER TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE SPY THAT I SENT TO ASSYRIA.
YES, PHARAOH! WE'RE UNDER YOUR COMMAND!
PLEASE DO NOT GO, MEMPHIS! I AM WORRIED FOR YOU...
WE WILL GATHER 1,000 SOLDIERS TO GUARD YOU.
IN CASE SOME-THING HAPPENS, WE WILL DESTROY ANGON!
THAT IS NOT NEC-ES-SARY.